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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In reply to the Office Action, Paper No. 5, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 30, 2001, for which the period of response is set to expire on August 30, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and Response.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows, without prejudice. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, attached to the end of this Amendment is a marked up version of the amended items showing all changes relative to the previous version.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 10 with the following paragraph:

Fig. 2A depicts a bottom plan view of another embodiment of the chassis 102 of the present invention. In this embodiment, a forefoot portion 106 and a rearfoot portion 108 extend into a toe portion 107 and a heel portion 109, respectively. In this embodiment of the chassis 102, the finger-shaped elements 110 in the forefoot portion 106 have fold lines 122 as well as spaces 114 therebetween. The fold lines 122 and spaces 114 of the finger-shaped elements allow for greater flexibility in the forefoot region 106. In the process of walking or running, the forefoot region 106